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In Re Application of:

John G. McBride

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
EVALUATING THE QUALITY  
OF NETWORK NODES

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The Office Action mailed August 14, 2001 (Paper No. 3), has been carefully considered. In response thereto, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendments and consideration of the following remarks.

In the Claims

Please amend the claims by substituting the following clean-text claims for the pending claims of the same number.